

RE: Bill HB1145 Public Testimony submit January 11, 2023

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I am in favor of passage of HB 1145 which would allow victims of a disabling mental condition to criminally go after those who commit sex crimes, within two years of the end of that mental condition.

First of all, I do not believe there should be a time limit; there is no switch that ends “that mental condition”. When a victim experiences such trauma as sexual abuse no matter what age—who is the legislature to tell that victim they are at the “end of that mental condition”, therefore the statute of limitation should not have a time element. When a criminal violates a young, middle or older man or woman that person never and I mean never is the same. So why on earth would we put a time to it!

In addition, the language of “within two years of the end of that mental condition” needs to be taken out especially when the court system can get clogged up for two or more years.

Please oh please think of the victims in this case—do not let the criminals still get on with their lives when their victims lives have been or will never, ever the same.